Bungalow Allotment to All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped

2249. SHRI GANDHI AZAD. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of VIP's letters received for Bungalow allotment to "All India Association for SC/ST & Physically Handicapped" in recent past;

(b) Since when request of this Association is pending with Ministry;

(c) the details of action taken so far;

(d) the number of Bungalows/Flats allotted to NGOs/Welfare Association/Press Reporter/Correspondents till date;

(e) the number of Bungalows/Flats allotted to SC/ST Association; and

(f) by when allotment to the Association in (a) above would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Banning of weightlifter after doping test

2250. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(f) whether it is a fact that one more weightlifter has been banned due to doping;

(g) the number of Indian weightlifters who have so far been banned for doping; and

(a) the countries where these weightlifters were sent for training?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The International Weightlifting Federation/ Indian Weightlifting Federation has, from time to time, taken action by way of ban/suspension against 10 weightlifters for doping violations since 2001. Of these, 4 lifters remain under ban/suspension as on date. Out of the weightlifters against whom action for banning/suspension has been

taken, two weightlifters were sent abroad for training in Belarus in 2004 prior to the detection of the violation and their suspension.

Rural sports programme

2251. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(b) the details of financial assistance extended to different States during the last three years under the Rural Sports Programme till date;

(c) the details of sports talents spotted in rural areas, during the last three years, game-wise, State-wise;

(d) whether Government have so far reviewed its Rural Sports Programme launched in 1970; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The details of financial assistance extended to different States during the last three years under the Rural Sports Programme, are given in the Statement-I.

(a) A list indicating the number of talented sportspersons spotted during the last three years, State-wise, game-wise is enclosed as Statement-I I (See below).

(b) and (d) Government reviewed and revised the functioning of the Rural Sports Programme in the year 2004-05. The revised scheme has the following provisions:—

4. The Government of India has introduced financial assistance to district-level tournaments. Assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is given to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, for organizing district-level sports tournaments.
5. The assistance for State and UT-level tournaments has been increased to Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 25,000/- per discipline respectively from Rs. 30,000/- and Rs. 15,000/-
6. For National-level tournaments, separately for men and women, a grant of Rs. 2,50,000/- per discipline is provided to SAI against Rs. 2,00,000/- earlier.